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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN ELIGIBILITY FOR FMS

REF: AMMAN 9957

1. MAURITANIA IS TECHNICALLY ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN FMS PROGRAMS, ALTHOUGH GOM HAS MADE NO RPT NO REQUESTS TO MAKE FMS PURCHASES TO DATE. ANY GOM REQUESTS WHICH MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING WOULD HAVE TO BE ANALYZED ON BASIS OF SPECIFIC ITEMS DESIRED.

2. MAURITANIA IS ALSO ELIGIBLE TO MAKE DIRECT COMMERCIAL ARMS PURCHASES IN THE UNITED STATES. USG DECISIONS ON WHETHER TO GRANT EXPORT LICENSES FOR SUCH SALES WOULD BE MADE ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS AND WOULD DEPEND ON ITEMS INVOLVED AND THEIR INTENDED USE.

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3. ABOVE ISSUE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED HERE WITH AMBASSADOR PICKERING, WHO WILL EXPLAIN IT TO KING HUSSEIN UPON RETURN TO AMMAN. FYI: WHILE WE WISH TO RESPOND AS FACTUALLY AS POSSIBLE TO JORDANIAN QUERIES ON THIS SUBJECT, WE WISH TO AVOID CONVEYING IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE ENCOURAGING OR DISCOURAGING FUTURE MAURITANIAN ATTEMPTS TO PURCHASE ARMS IN U.S. END FYI. KISSINGER

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